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2 March 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Information Processing Coordinator

SUBJECT: OC/CRS Cable Dissemination Study

1.   The OC/CRS team, established in response to
paragraph 2c of the ExDir's memorandum of 13 January
1972 has reached an impasse in terms of agreement
on dissemination. Most of the investigative work
has been completed. The team generally agrees that
there are no insurmountable problems in the technical
area. The two sides have found themselves committed
to conflicting views as to how cable dissemination
should be handled in the future.

2.   OC leans heavily towards the development
of a new centralized system, operating on dedicated
hardware and designed to handle in OC all facets of
the dissemination of electrically-received narrative
messages, including the NSA COMINT now being
disseminated through MAD in CRS.

3.   CRS rejects the above in favor of the further
incremental development of MAD, in a multi-programming
environment on mostly existing computer hardware, with
the eventual objective of handling most of the cable
dissemination, the major exception being the Agency
"Staff Operational" messages. The latter would remain
in OC and would be processed on a separate system.

4.   There are two principal divergent viewpoints
leading to the above separate and distinct recommen-
dations. CRS believes that MAD would be by far the
least expensive route. OC believes that it would be
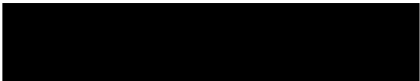more expensive. OC believes that there is a close

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relationship between the communications and
dissemination functions and a dominating commonality
in the dissemination processes for all cables.   CRS
believes that the commonality between dissemination
and other information processing functions in CRS,
e.g., indexing (perhaps soon to be performed on-line),
file building, and document and information retrieval,
is particularly pertinent in that MAD has been designed
to perform many of these functions through a single
computer processing activity.   OC believes strongly
that cable dissemination should be handled as "near
real time" activity.   CRS believes that most non-staff
operational dissemination can be batched and processed
as frequently as would prove useful, providing that the
"alert" function is maintained in OC and/or Operations
Center.

5.   As stated above, the study team sees no
unsolvable technical problems with either system.
It further has agreed to many design factors and
requirements for any system or systems finally
devised.   It has collected much useful data that
should help in the management and steady improvement
of the entire dissemination picture in the Agency.

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Remarks:

In November at the request of the DDI, CRS prepared a five-year, month by month statement of dissemination activities, an annual summary of the monthly data and a memorandum pointing out the significance of the data. The 1971 data was a straight-line extension of ten months. Attached is a redo of that report to cover all of 1971. The original memorandum is also attached to show the changes that occurred as a result of using actual data rather than estimates for November and December of 1971.

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Attached is your memorandum on the OC/CRS team. ▮▮▮▮▮▮ feels that it would be "inappropriate" for him to sign such a memorandum. OC made suggestions to the memorandum most of which were accepted. Those that were not spelled out at greater length OC's pitch.

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